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Comment: I am a lifelong resident of North St. Louis County and have been aware and very concerned about the dangers and effects of radiation stored at West Lake Landfill for many years! I have lived in Florissant and Hazelwood, two communities adjacent to Bridgeton for my entire life. I am relieved to see that the EPA has finally decided to act on this issue and address this issue. I believe that the plan as proposed takes some good steps but believe that there are several items I think must be addressed beyond what is currently proposed. First, I believe that AS MUCH RADIOACTIVE WASTE AS POSSIBLE must be removed! It may not be possible to remove all waste but the quantity as described in the current plan is not sufficient. This is a highly populated metro area. The fire that has burned for years presents ongoing risk to any radioactivity that would remain. When the job is undertaken it only makes sense to remove as much waste as possible! Leaving 1/3 of this massive amount of waste leaves a considerable health and safety risk for the future and is unacceptable! Secondly, as this is a highly populated area, a place that has been a wonderful home to me for 59 years it seems that the option of removing the waste from the area for safe transfer and containment in a remote vicinity where storage capabilities are available is the only sensible solution. Finally, I believe that residents have suffered greatly while previous administrations and government agencies have dragged their feet while ignoring and denying residents concerns. I believe these families have been exposed to health risks and have certainly suffered financially from the decline in property values. I feel it is right and just that a voluntary home buyout program be devised for an appropriate region surrounding the landfill for those families who would choose to avail themselves of such a plan! An ongoing long term commitment to the containment and maintained safety of the site beyond the cleanup is indeed a necessity. Thank you for your attention to my concerns!